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SETTING UP OF INNOVATION UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up innovation universities aimed to attain world class standard in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the location identified particularly in Gujarat for the purpose; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to establish these Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Ministry of Human Resource Development had introduced the Universities for Research & Innovation Bill 2012 in Lok Sabha on 21st May, 2012. The Bill aimed to provide for establishment and incorporation of Universities for Innovation which would be the fount of making India the global knowledge hub and set benchmarks for excellence for other institutions of higher learning through path-breaking research and promoting synergies between teaching and research to create institutions universally recognized for quality in teaching, learning and research.

(b) & (c): Fourteen such universities were proposed to be set up at various places. These were at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Patna (Bihar), Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat), Mysore (Karnataka), Kochi (Kerala), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Pune (Maharashtra), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Amritsar (Punjab), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Kolkata (West Bengal).

However, with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha, the Universities for Research & Innovation Bill 2012 has lapsed.